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1. WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD ENGAGE IN CORRIDOR WORK WITH MEMBERS OF IEPG AS YOU SUGGEST REFTEL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE IEPG REPRESENTATIVES THAT US IS CONTINUING TO STUDY AGENDA POINTS PUT TO US, AND, AS WE HAVE INDICATED BEFORE, INTENDS TO RESPOND TO THOSE POINTS BOTH IN TERMS OF THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS PUT TO US AND WITH RESPECT TO OUR BROADER OBJECTIVES IN THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE.

2. THE DISCUSSION OF OBJECTIVES WHICH WE EACH FORESEE IN THIS DIALOGUE COULD IN OUR VIEW PROCEED WITHOUT
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AWAITING FURTHER DETAILED COMMENTS BY USG ON PROPOSED IEPG AGENDA. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT IEPG REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH US AND CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES FOR PURPOSE OF HAVING INFORMAL INITIAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON OBJECTIVES OF THE DIALOGUE. MISSION WILL RECALL THAT WE SUGGESTED IN OUR LETTER TO ADMIRAL MAININI THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF IEPG'S AD HOC

WORKING GROUP MIGHT MEET WITH US AND CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. WE HOPE THAT IEPG CAN RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THAT SUGGESTION, AND WE PROPOSE THAT FIRST DISCUSSIONS SHOULD RELATE TO OUR OBJECTIVES IN THE DISCUSSIONS. MISSION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO OUR THOUGHTS ON THESE OBJECTIVES.

3. PLEASE ADVISE US IF YOU BELIEVE FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSIES HERE OR WITH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES IN CAPITALS WOULD BE USEFUL IN STRENGTHENING YOUR CORRIDOR EFFORTS.

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